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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A securing structure assembled on an end portion of a hose with corrugated metal tube for securing a hose body to a connecting part, comprising:

a hose body having a corrugated metal tube as an inner layer and an outer layer circumscribing a radial outer side thereof, the corrugated metal tube having a plurality of corrugations of a substantially uniform width;

a connecting part arranged on an end portion of a hose,

a rigid insert pipe provided on the connecting part, the rigid insert pipe being inserted in an axial end portion of the hose body and secured to an end portion of the corrugated metal tube₅; and

a socket fitting fitted on an end portion of the hose body, securely compressed or swaged radially inwardly to be secured to an end portion of the hose body in which the insert pipe is inserted, the socket fitting extending longitudinally of the hose beyond an inserting end of the insert pipe in a direction away from an end of the hose body for a distance equal to or longer than three corrugation widths of the corrugated metal tube.

- 2. (Original) A securing structure as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the rigid insert pipe is formed integrally on the connecting part.
- 3. (New) A securing structure as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the socket fitting extends longitudinally of the hose beyond the inserting end of the insert pipe in the direction away from the end of the hose body for a distance equal to or longer than an outer diameter of the corrugated metal tube.

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4. (New) A securing structure assembled on an end portion of a hose with corrugated metal tube for securing a hose body to a connecting part, comprising:

a hose body having a corrugated metal tube as an inner layer and an outer layer circumscribing a radial outer side thereof, the corrugated metal tube having a plurality of corrugations defining a plurality of substantially equal pitch lengths;

a connecting part arranged on an end portion of a hose;

a rigid insert pipe provided on the connecting part, the rigid insert pipe being inserted in an axial end portion of the hose body and secured to an end portion of the corrugated metal tube; and

a socket fitting fitted on an end portion of the hose body, securely compressed or swaged radially inwardly to be secured to an end portion of the hose body in which the insert pipe is inserted, the socket fitting extending longitudinally of the hose beyond an inserting end of the insert pipe in a direction away from an end of the hose body for a distance equal to or longer than three pitch lengths of the corrugations of the corrugated metal tube.

- 5. (New) A securing structure as set forth in Claim 4, wherein the socket fitting extends longitudinally of the hose beyond the inserting end of the insert pipe in the direction away from the end of the hose body for a distance equal to or longer than an outer diameter of the corrugated metal tube.
- 6. (New) A securing structure as set forth in Claim 4, wherein the rigid insert pipe is formed integrally on the connecting part.